

**Ezekiel** -- News Bad and Good, in Babylon

**Summary**

\*God is appalled by Judah's obstinacy, and will extend initial exile to complete destruction of Jerusalem. Yet he will restore her.

\*Foreign nations will be held accountable.

**What may be the meaning of the fiery-wheeled vehicle in ch. 1?**

Where is Ezekiel?

Babylonia

605 (Daniel Deported by Nebuchadnezzar)

597 (Ezekiel Deported by Nebuchadnezzar)

587 (Remainder Deported by Nebuchadnezzar)

**Literary Context:** Outline

Israel's Doom, 1-24

Doom of the Nations, 25-32

Israel's Restoration, 33-48

Proverb Usage (12.22, 18.2)

Poetry (7, 21)

Metaphor

Whitewash (13.7-12)

Useless Vine Wood (ch. 15)

Israel as Lioness, Vine (ch. 19)

Leaders as Greedy Shepherds (ch. 34)

Allegory

Foundling (ch. 16)

Eagles and Vines (ch. 17)

Sisters Samaria and Jerusalem (ch. 23)

**Principal Messages**

Indictment of Israel

Idolatry

Cruel Leaders

Faulty Concept of Righteousness

Punishment of Israel

Restoration of Israel

**Attributes of God**

Mobile, International Sovereign

"For a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone," 11.16b.

Judge

"Then they will know that I am the Lord," (6.14 and 64 other times).

Source of Hope (11.17-20)

### **Contribution to Biblical Theology**

Personal Responsibility

The soul who sins is the one who will die, 18.20.

Righteousness cannot be stockpiled.

Keep morality current, 33.12.

Purity, not numbers, impresses God, 33.23-26.

Presence of God

Messianic Links

Whoever will listen, let him listen, 3.27

I will search for the lost and bring back the strays  
(as shepherd), 34.16

### **Where is the Glory?**

8.1-18

9.1-11

10.1-17

10.18-11.25

43.4-12

How do these relate to 48.35?

### **Application**

#### **Original**

God's glory will not be shown through an obstinate people.

He will be with them in exile (wherever they go) and will bring His glory back to them if they repent.

#### **Modern**